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**I. INTRODUCTION**

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed March 28, 2006, Applicants provide the following response. A brief index of the present communication follows.

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